

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes who play a vital role in the social, political, and economic fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS, members and descendants of tribes from all over the country also reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the many contributions of American Indians have enhanced freedom, prosperity, and the cultural diversity of this state; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Washington State are very proud of the history and heritage of American Indians in this state, and recognize the many contributions made by American Indian citizens to the economy, culture, arts, natural resources, education, and industries; and

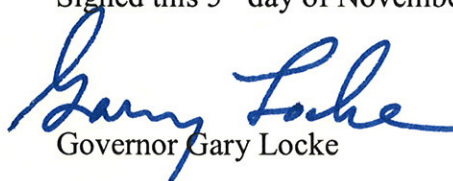
WHEREAS, Washington State joins other states across the nation in celebrating American Indian Heritage Month to reaffirm a national commitment to remember those contributions and to honor the unique heritage of this continent's First Peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, proclaim November 2004 as

American Indian Heritage Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 5th day of November, 2004


Governor Gary Locke

